

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1634 - SB 1973

February 13, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each county election commission to include on the November 2022 election ballot three questions relating to marijuana legalization, as a public policy opinion poll. Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to compile the results of the poll and forward the results to each member of the General Assembly. Specifies that the outcome of said poll is not binding on the General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Up to \$10,000/FY22-23*

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-211(b), at least five days before the beginning of early voting, the county election commission shall either publish a sample ballot in a newspaper of general circulation or mail the sample ballot to every active registered voter.
- The requirement to add this public policy opinion poll to the 2022 general election ballot will increase the size of the sample ballot to be published and subsequently increase printing costs.
- Based on information previously provided by the Secretary of State (SOS), the total statewide mandatory increase in local government expenditures is reasonably estimated as an amount up to \$10,000 occurring in FY22-23.
- It is expected that the SOS will be able to compile and transmit the poll results utilizing existing personnel and resources.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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